

Home Matters.

Our Public Schools.—Their Past and Present.

On the Tenth day of March, 1851, there was a meeting of the School Inspectors, of the Township of Buena Vista, at which was organized in that Township the first School District, which was duly christened, as per the Statute in such cases made and provided, "School District No. 1 of the Township of Buena Vista." At that meeting Chas. W. Grant, Esq., was elected Director, and George W. Grant, Esq., was directed to notify every qualified voter, of the time and place of the first District meeting. On the same day Wm. Oliver, makes return that every qualified voter has been duly notified.

On the 15th day of March, 1851, the first District meeting was held with M. B. How, in the chair.—District officers were chosen as follows:

D. W. Morris, Director, J. T. Calkins, Moderator, C. G. Fennell, Assessor.

At this time meeting which was the first held in the District, the people were resolved to have a good School House, as one of the necessary pre-requisites to the building of a city, and they left on record an earnest of their faith, in the future growth of East Saginaw, (which had been first platted less than a year previous) in a resolution to raise two thousand dollars by tax on the next tax roll, for the purpose of building a school house in the District. A committee was also appointed to select a site for the House to be built, which committee reported to the same meeting, and the site upon which the Union School House now stands, was approved by the meeting.—This meeting was held in the office of the S. & G. Blank Book Company.

Arrangements were also made for opening a school for that year.

On the 12th day of May, 1851, another meeting of the District was held in the same office when Mr. J. L. Voorhees, presented a plan and specifications for a School House, which were adopted, and the contract for building was unanimously awarded to Norman Little, at the sum of \$2,500, of which 2,000 was to be paid by the tax already voted and the balance to be paid in yearly installments of \$100, each with annual interest.

On the 29th day of September, 1851, a census was taken by the Director of the children in the District between the ages of 4 and 18 years, and his report shows 118 scholars entitled to primary school money at that date.

At the annual District meeting held the same day (Sept. 29) it was voted to raise \$118 by tax one dollar for each scholar, for the support of schools.

At this meeting the following officers were chosen: Hiram Mayes, Moderator, J. E. Voorhees, Director, A. L. Rankin, Assessor.

And the Board were authorized to provide a place for a school, until the house under contract should be completed.

At the annual meeting in Sept. 1852, the Director reported 230 scholars in the District entitled to "public money." At this meeting the District Board was enlarged by the addition of four Trustees, M. L. Gage, was elected Director, H. B. Hubbard, Moderator, C. T. Dugan, Assessor, and Norman Little, Alfred M. Hoyt, George Oliver and Menno W. Smith, as Trustees.

The amount voted at this meeting to be raised by tax for the ensuing year was \$310. January 27th 1853, Dr. C. T. Dugan, resigned the office of Assessor and W. F. Glasby, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

February 28, 1853, Franklin A. Curtis, was appointed Trustee to fill vacancy occasioned by the resignation of M. W. Smith.

About the 31st of January 1853, the new school house was completed and a school opened therein for the first time, under the superintendence of Miss Mary A. Rice, as principal with Miss Charlotte A. Meier and Miss Clara Dean as assistants.

FLINT AND PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.

Last Saturday, in company with several of the citizens of this city and E. H. Thompson, Esq., of Flint, we took our first ride on a rail over the track of the Flint and Pere Marquette Railway on the aforementioned locomotive, *Pollywog*, or rather on a tender, behind, as Mrs. Partington has it. The track is now laid five miles and a half out, and at the time of our visit the laying was progressing finely. To make the trip interesting, one of the passengers on the train proposed that each of the party should try a hand at spiking, and accordingly "the ground for miles around" was most numerically manned by some of the more unsophisticated spikers in their efforts to hit the "nail on the head." On the return trip a large dog of the St. Bernard species, the property of H. Penneyer, Esq., leaped from the tender, while the locomotive was under full motion, and, for a wonder, escaped without serious damage. On the home stretch the *Pollywog* "let out a few links," making the last mile in 1:15.—One thing particularly noticeable on the line of the track thus far, is the excellent character of the lands for farming purposes; they are heavily timbered, with a surface of rich vegetable mold to the depth of from ten to twenty inches, and a loose clay and loam sub-soil; such lands under proper cultivation, are the best that we have. People of this section cannot overestimate the valuable service which this road is doing for us, in opening up to settlement and improvement a tract of valuable country all along the line, which but for it, must have remained for some time at least, in a comparatively wild state. We are pleased to learn that five hundred tons of iron are now en route from Buffalo, and that all the iron necessary for the track to Flint will undoubtedly be on the Company's dock in this city by the first of November next.

Attention is invited to the advertisements in this paper from the Agency of Lyman Briggs, of Detroit. Mr. Briggs is our only authorized agent in that city, and his agency is doing much in the way of sending out advertisements, from which Detroit business men will be sure to reap great benefits.

News.—The Boston Courier says that "a singular reason is urged against building a canal in Northern Michigan; it is, that the flies and mosquitoes will render it almost impracticable in summer." The above is a fair sample of the twisted intelligence of the "solid men of Boston," they can tell to a certainty just how many hairs there are on the back of "King of the Canals" or any other "Michiganian" or "leather," but in regard to Northern Michigan and the North-west, generally their ignorance is sublime, and they are determined not to be enlightened.

Base Ball Club.—A number of young men in the Third ward have organized themselves into a club for the practice of base ball during the next presidential campaign.—Saturday Press, Sept. 17.

New Plover.—A thorn in bush is worth two in the hand.

McNISH & BUTLER'S IMPROVED STAVE AND BARREL MACHINERY.

Our attention has lately been called to the above machinery, which, as will be seen by advertisement in this paper, is soon to be introduced here, and from specimens of the work produced, we are sure that it must prove an invaluable invention for the purpose designed. It dresses both sides and joints perfectly, giving the necessary bilge swell, and with such a smooth, perfect finish as no workman can put on, eight staves per minute. One man with one of these machines is equal to twenty without, and the work is infinitely superior. In the manufacture of all manner of tight casks and flour barrels, also, the use of this machine is destined to supersede hand coverage entirely. There is not in the whole west a locality as favorable for the successful working of these machines as this on account of the abundance of timber, facilities for shipment, &c., &c., and we are glad to notice the fact that a number of them are to be set up here. A mill is now being erected on Water street for that purpose. A model of the machine will be on exhibition at the State Fair next week in Detroit, where it may be seen by all who desire to get an examination. Mr. GORDON of Phoenix, Oswego County, N. Y. is the proprietor, of whom Town and County rights may be purchased. His stopping place in the city will be at the Biddle House.

ENCOURAGING.—The Equinoctial came on all of a sudden this year, and to the annoyance of our folks, found Genesee street in a beautifully variegated state, with a half day sewer running "down the centre," and piles of earth and piles of wood on the two sides thereof. So it remained for a full week, while the rains came and the floods poured and there was a moist time generally, and we heard uncomfortable rumors of a "strike" among the workmen, that the "matter" as arranged was to remain, in *stucco* quash for an indefinite period, but with the first fair weather, Messrs. Carter & Hall, were on hand again with a full force, and Genesee street is pretty much "himself again," at the date hereof. Nix.

PORT HURON, BAY CITY AND LANSING SWAMP LAND ROAD.—The Commissioners on the Port Huron, Bay City and Lansing Swamp Land State Road have advertised to let all that portion of the road in St. Clair and Sanilac counties at the Larned House in Port Huron, on the 12th day of October, and all that portion in the counties of Lapeer and Tuscola at Vassar, on the 17th day of October, and all that portion in Saginaw and Bay counties at Bay City, on the 20th of October.

STILL ANOTHER PAPER IN THE VALLEY.—Milo Blair, Esq., who is about starting a Republican paper at Saginaw City, called on us one day this week, and informed us that he had all the material necessary for a first class news and job printing office on the way, and expected to issue his paper very soon. Mr. B. has the style one who "paddles his own canoe" (no insinuation as to complexion,) and bar his politics, appears to be all right. He expresses his entire satisfaction at the prospect for business.

FISH.—It is really a matter of astonishment the amount of fish hooked in this river; yellow perch, in size from half a pound to two pounds, are having the run now, and of those we see bushes passing every day. It is no trick at all for anybody that can bait a hook with "worms," to catch half a bushel in two hours, and it is often done in half the time. Perch now are in their prime, hard, fat and crispy, and better fish for the pan are not to be had at this season of the year.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.—We are under obligations to L. Arnold, Esq., for a liberal supply of choice tomatoes, and to friend CURT. EMBERTON, for a bevy of young pigeons, so fat, as he says, they couldn't stand on the ground and jump over a tape worm. They were O. O. G.

BAY CITY PRESS.—A neatly printed sheet—neutral in politics—bearing the above title comes to us from Bay City. Another evidence of the prosperity of the "valley." Wm. A. BAYCE, is Editor and Proprietor. Success to the Press.

THE BARK SUNSHINE, having been thoroughly overhauled, repaired, newly rigged, sparred, and fitted with a new set of sails, will be ready for sea again in about ten days. Her rig is that of a three masted schooner, so called, and her spars about one third lighter than were the old ones.

A crowd of job work which must be done, has kept us back this week.

A census has just been taken of Milwaukee, which shows a population of 51,499.

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SAGINAW VALLEY HARDWARE STORE



BYRON B. BUCKHOUT WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

DEALER IN English, American and German

HARDWARE,

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF

Box, Parlor, Plate and

Cooking Stoves,

CUTLERY,

IRON, STEEL, NAILS,

&C., &C., &C.

Also Manufacturer and

Dealer in all Kinds of

COPPER, TIN AND SHEET IRON WARE.

BRICK BLOCK,

MAIN ST., EAST SAGINAW.

June 13, 1859.

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JEWELRY.

BOOK AND STATIONERY

STORE!

JEWELRY

CLOCKS, WATCHES,

AND

YANKEE NOTIONS

IN VARIETY.

WATCHES AND JEWELRY

Repaired with despatch and warranted.

ORDERS SOLICITED.

Books and Stationery

of all kinds and descriptions,

BLANK BOOKS, &c., &c.

Magazines and Papers,

received regularly. And a variety of

Cheap Publications,

THE VERY LATEST.

Peace in Europe.

BIG CROPS IN AMERICA.

GOOD TIMES COMING.

LUMBER ON THE RISE.

Freights Low.

SAGINAW VALLEY SOUND.

Taking advantage of all these favorable circumstances CURTIS, BLISS & Co. have supplied themselves with an

Extensive Assortment of

IRON, NAILS, GLASS,

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DRUGS & MEDICINES.

At the old stand, on Genesee Street, call attention to their full and complete assortment of

DRUGS,

MEDICINES, DYE STUFFS, PERFUMERY, PATENT MEDICINES, SOAPS, SYRINGES, SPONGES, NOTIONS,

And the one thousand and one articles "too numerous to mention," comprising a most full, perfect and complete stock of everything in their line of trade.

Pure Liquors.

Brandy, Wine and other liquors for medicinal purposes, known to be pure and free from adulteration.

THE LOWEST CASH PRICE.

Is our figure in every instance, and gratefully acknowledging past favors, we very respectfully ask a continuance of the same in the future.

East Saginaw, July 22, 1859. H. B. & CO.

ARE YOU INSURED?

INDEMNITY.

AGENCY OF THE

HARTFORD, CONN.

Cash Capital, - - \$400,000.00.

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S. L. LOOMIS, President.

H. KELLOGG, Secretary.

Assets, January 1859.

Cash, On hand and in Bank, \$53,451.11

In hands of and due from Agents, 35,174.75

Real Estate owned by the Company, unencumbered, cost, 6,166.71

Amount loaned on Mortgages of Real Estate, 839,200.00

Amount loaned on pledge of Bank Stock, 14,650.00

Bills Receivable for loans, amply secured, 13,860.00

617,100.00

NEW YORK BANK STOCKS.

Par Value. Market Val.

50 Shares U. S. Trust Company's Stock, New York, \$5,000, \$5,700.00

200 Shares American Ex. Bank Stock, N. Y., 20,000, 21,200.00

800 Shares Metropolitan Bank Stock, N. Y., 80,000, 82,400.00

200 Shares Bank of Commerce Stock, N. Y., 20,000, 20,700.00

300 Shares Merchants' Ex. Bank Stock, N. Y., 30,000, 30,400.00

150 Shares Continental Bank Stock, N. Y., 15,000, 15,600.00

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